

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

**Proposing rule making related to child care assistance fees
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Human Services Department hereby proposes to amend Chapter 170, “Child Care Services,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 234.6.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 234.6.

Purpose and Summary

The Department is proposing to revise the Child Care Assistance (CCA) fee chart based on the updated federal poverty levels, which are effective July 1, 2021. The annual poverty level update allows families that have received raises throughout the previous year to maintain eligibility for CCA without paying increased fees. The fee schedule changes are effective for eligibility determinations made on or after July 1, 2021.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to rule 441—1.8(17A,217).

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 13, 2021. Comments should be directed to:

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Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114
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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental

subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action is proposed:

Amend paragraph **170.4(2)“a”** as follows:

a. Sliding fee schedule.

(1) The fee schedule shown in the following table is effective for eligibility determinations made on or after July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021:

Level	Monthly Income According to Family Size													Unit Fee Based on Number of Children in Care		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13+	1	2	3 or more
A	<u>\$1,011</u>	<u>\$1,365</u>	<u>\$1,720</u>	<u>\$2,075</u>	<u>\$2,429</u>	<u>\$2,784</u>	<u>\$3,139</u>	<u>\$3,493</u>	<u>\$3,848</u>	<u>\$4,203</u>	<u>\$4,557</u>	<u>\$4,912</u>	<u>\$5,267</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<u>\$1,020</u>	<u>\$1,379</u>	<u>\$1,739</u>	<u>\$2,099</u>	<u>\$2,458</u>	<u>\$2,817</u>	<u>\$3,177</u>	<u>\$3,536</u>	<u>\$3,895</u>	<u>\$4,255</u>	<u>\$4,614</u>	<u>\$4,973</u>	<u>\$5,333</u>			
B	<u>\$1,064</u>	<u>\$1,437</u>	<u>\$1,810</u>	<u>\$2,184</u>	<u>\$2,557</u>	<u>\$2,930</u>	<u>\$3,304</u>	<u>\$3,677</u>	<u>\$4,050</u>	<u>\$4,424</u>	<u>\$4,797</u>	<u>\$5,170</u>	<u>\$5,544</u>	\$0.20	\$0.45	\$0.70
	<u>\$1,074</u>	<u>\$1,452</u>	<u>\$1,830</u>	<u>\$2,209</u>	<u>\$2,587</u>	<u>\$2,965</u>	<u>\$3,344</u>	<u>\$3,722</u>	<u>\$4,100</u>	<u>\$4,479</u>	<u>\$4,857</u>	<u>\$5,235</u>	<u>\$5,614</u>			
C	<u>\$1,094</u>	<u>\$1,477</u>	<u>\$1,861</u>	<u>\$2,245</u>	<u>\$2,629</u>	<u>\$3,012</u>	<u>\$3,397</u>	<u>\$3,780</u>	<u>\$4,163</u>	<u>\$4,548</u>	<u>\$4,931</u>	<u>\$5,315</u>	<u>\$5,699</u>	\$0.45	\$0.70	\$0.95
	<u>\$1,104</u>	<u>\$1,493</u>	<u>\$1,881</u>	<u>\$2,271</u>	<u>\$2,659</u>	<u>\$3,048</u>	<u>\$3,438</u>	<u>\$3,826</u>	<u>\$4,215</u>	<u>\$4,604</u>	<u>\$4,993</u>	<u>\$5,382</u>	<u>\$5,771</u>			
D	<u>\$1,124</u>	<u>\$1,517</u>	<u>\$1,911</u>	<u>\$2,306</u>	<u>\$2,700</u>	<u>\$3,094</u>	<u>\$3,489</u>	<u>\$3,883</u>	<u>\$4,277</u>	<u>\$4,672</u>	<u>\$5,066</u>	<u>\$5,460</u>	<u>\$5,854</u>	\$0.70	\$0.95	\$1.20
	<u>\$1,134</u>	<u>\$1,533</u>	<u>\$1,932</u>	<u>\$2,333</u>	<u>\$2,732</u>	<u>\$3,131</u>	<u>\$3,531</u>	<u>\$3,930</u>	<u>\$4,330</u>	<u>\$4,730</u>	<u>\$5,129</u>	<u>\$5,528</u>	<u>\$5,928</u>			
E	<u>\$1,155</u>	<u>\$1,560</u>	<u>\$1,965</u>	<u>\$2,371</u>	<u>\$2,776</u>	<u>\$3,181</u>	<u>\$3,587</u>	<u>\$3,992</u>	<u>\$4,397</u>	<u>\$4,803</u>	<u>\$5,207</u>	<u>\$5,612</u>	<u>\$6,018</u>	\$0.95	\$1.20	\$1.45
	<u>\$1,166</u>	<u>\$1,576</u>	<u>\$1,987</u>	<u>\$2,398</u>	<u>\$2,808</u>	<u>\$3,219</u>	<u>\$3,630</u>	<u>\$4,040</u>	<u>\$4,451</u>	<u>\$4,862</u>	<u>\$5,273</u>	<u>\$5,683</u>	<u>\$6,094</u>			
F	<u>\$1,187</u>	<u>\$1,602</u>	<u>\$2,018</u>	<u>\$2,435</u>	<u>\$2,851</u>	<u>\$3,267</u>	<u>\$3,684</u>	<u>\$4,100</u>	<u>\$4,516</u>	<u>\$4,933</u>	<u>\$5,349</u>	<u>\$5,765</u>	<u>\$6,182</u>	\$1.20	\$1.45	\$1.70
	<u>\$1,198</u>	<u>\$1,619</u>	<u>\$2,041</u>	<u>\$2,463</u>	<u>\$2,885</u>	<u>\$3,306</u>	<u>\$3,729</u>	<u>\$4,151</u>	<u>\$4,572</u>	<u>\$4,995</u>	<u>\$5,416</u>	<u>\$5,838</u>	<u>\$6,260</u>			
G	<u>\$1,220</u>	<u>\$1,647</u>	<u>\$2,075</u>	<u>\$2,504</u>	<u>\$2,931</u>	<u>\$3,359</u>	<u>\$3,788</u>	<u>\$4,215</u>	<u>\$4,643</u>	<u>\$5,071</u>	<u>\$5,499</u>	<u>\$5,927</u>	<u>\$6,355</u>	\$1.45	\$1.70	\$1.95
	<u>\$1,231</u>	<u>\$1,665</u>	<u>\$2,098</u>	<u>\$2,532</u>	<u>\$2,966</u>	<u>\$3,399</u>	<u>\$3,833</u>	<u>\$4,267</u>	<u>\$4,700</u>	<u>\$5,135</u>	<u>\$5,568</u>	<u>\$6,001</u>	<u>\$6,436</u>			
H	<u>\$1,253</u>	<u>\$1,692</u>	<u>\$2,131</u>	<u>\$2,572</u>	<u>\$3,011</u>	<u>\$3,450</u>	<u>\$3,891</u>	<u>\$4,330</u>	<u>\$4,769</u>	<u>\$5,210</u>	<u>\$5,649</u>	<u>\$6,088</u>	<u>\$6,529</u>	\$1.70	\$1.95	\$2.20
	<u>\$1,265</u>	<u>\$1,710</u>	<u>\$2,155</u>	<u>\$2,601</u>	<u>\$3,046</u>	<u>\$3,492</u>	<u>\$3,938</u>	<u>\$4,383</u>	<u>\$4,828</u>	<u>\$5,274</u>	<u>\$5,720</u>	<u>\$6,165</u>	<u>\$6,611</u>			
I	<u>\$1,288</u>	<u>\$1,740</u>	<u>\$2,191</u>	<u>\$2,644</u>	<u>\$3,095</u>	<u>\$3,547</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$4,451</u>	<u>\$4,903</u>	<u>\$5,355</u>	<u>\$5,807</u>	<u>\$6,259</u>	<u>\$6,711</u>	\$1.95	\$2.20	\$2.45
	<u>\$1,300</u>	<u>\$1,758</u>	<u>\$2,215</u>	<u>\$2,674</u>	<u>\$3,132</u>	<u>\$3,589</u>	<u>\$4,048</u>	<u>\$4,506</u>	<u>\$4,963</u>	<u>\$5,422</u>	<u>\$5,880</u>	<u>\$6,337</u>	<u>\$6,796</u>			
J	<u>\$1,323</u>	<u>\$1,787</u>	<u>\$2,251</u>	<u>\$2,716</u>	<u>\$3,180</u>	<u>\$3,644</u>	<u>\$4,109</u>	<u>\$4,572</u>	<u>\$5,036</u>	<u>\$5,501</u>	<u>\$5,965</u>	<u>\$6,429</u>	<u>\$6,894</u>	\$2.20	\$2.45	\$2.70
	<u>\$1,336</u>	<u>\$1,806</u>	<u>\$2,276</u>	<u>\$2,747</u>	<u>\$3,217</u>	<u>\$3,687</u>	<u>\$4,158</u>	<u>\$4,628</u>	<u>\$5,098</u>	<u>\$5,570</u>	<u>\$6,040</u>	<u>\$6,510</u>	<u>\$6,981</u>			
K	<u>\$1,360</u>	<u>\$1,837</u>	<u>\$2,314</u>	<u>\$2,792</u>	<u>\$3,269</u>	<u>\$3,746</u>	<u>\$4,224</u>	<u>\$4,700</u>	<u>\$5,177</u>	<u>\$5,655</u>	<u>\$6,132</u>	<u>\$6,609</u>	<u>\$7,087</u>	\$2.45	\$2.70	\$2.95
	<u>\$1,373</u>	<u>\$1,856</u>	<u>\$2,339</u>	<u>\$2,824</u>	<u>\$3,307</u>	<u>\$3,790</u>	<u>\$4,275</u>	<u>\$4,758</u>	<u>\$5,241</u>	<u>\$5,726</u>	<u>\$6,209</u>	<u>\$6,692</u>	<u>\$7,177</u>			
L	<u>\$1,397</u>	<u>\$1,887</u>	<u>\$2,377</u>	<u>\$2,868</u>	<u>\$3,358</u>	<u>\$3,848</u>	<u>\$4,339</u>	<u>\$4,829</u>	<u>\$5,318</u>	<u>\$5,809</u>	<u>\$6,299</u>	<u>\$6,789</u>	<u>\$7,280</u>	\$2.70	\$2.95	\$3.20
	<u>\$1,410</u>	<u>\$1,907</u>	<u>\$2,403</u>	<u>\$2,901</u>	<u>\$3,397</u>	<u>\$3,894</u>	<u>\$4,391</u>	<u>\$4,888</u>	<u>\$5,384</u>	<u>\$5,882</u>	<u>\$6,378</u>	<u>\$6,874</u>	<u>\$7,372</u>			
M	<u>\$1,436</u>	<u>\$1,940</u>	<u>\$2,443</u>	<u>\$2,948</u>	<u>\$3,452</u>	<u>\$3,955</u>	<u>\$4,460</u>	<u>\$4,964</u>	<u>\$5,467</u>	<u>\$5,972</u>	<u>\$6,476</u>	<u>\$6,979</u>	<u>\$7,484</u>	\$2.95	\$3.20	\$3.45
	<u>\$1,450</u>	<u>\$1,960</u>	<u>\$2,470</u>	<u>\$2,982</u>	<u>\$3,492</u>	<u>\$4,003</u>	<u>\$4,514</u>	<u>\$5,024</u>	<u>\$5,535</u>	<u>\$6,046</u>	<u>\$6,557</u>	<u>\$7,067</u>	<u>\$7,579</u>			
N	<u>\$1,475</u>	<u>\$1,993</u>	<u>\$2,510</u>	<u>\$3,029</u>	<u>\$3,546</u>	<u>\$4,063</u>	<u>\$4,582</u>	<u>\$5,099</u>	<u>\$5,616</u>	<u>\$6,135</u>	<u>\$6,652</u>	<u>\$7,169</u>	<u>\$7,688</u>	\$3.20	\$3.45	\$3.70
	<u>\$1,489</u>	<u>\$2,013</u>	<u>\$2,538</u>	<u>\$3,063</u>	<u>\$3,587</u>	<u>\$4,112</u>	<u>\$4,637</u>	<u>\$5,161</u>	<u>\$5,685</u>	<u>\$6,211</u>	<u>\$6,735</u>	<u>\$7,259</u>	<u>\$7,785</u>			
O	<u>\$1,517</u>	<u>\$2,048</u>	<u>\$2,580</u>	<u>\$3,113</u>	<u>\$3,645</u>	<u>\$4,177</u>	<u>\$4,710</u>	<u>\$5,242</u>	<u>\$5,773</u>	<u>\$6,307</u>	<u>\$6,838</u>	<u>\$7,370</u>	<u>\$7,903</u>	\$3.45	\$3.70	\$3.95
	<u>\$1,531</u>	<u>\$2,070</u>	<u>\$2,609</u>	<u>\$3,149</u>	<u>\$3,688</u>	<u>\$4,227</u>	<u>\$4,767</u>	<u>\$5,306</u>	<u>\$5,845</u>	<u>\$6,385</u>	<u>\$6,924</u>	<u>\$7,463</u>	<u>\$8,003</u>			
P	<u>\$1,558</u>	<u>\$2,104</u>	<u>\$2,650</u>	<u>\$3,198</u>	<u>\$3,744</u>	<u>\$4,291</u>	<u>\$4,838</u>	<u>\$5,384</u>	<u>\$5,931</u>	<u>\$6,478</u>	<u>\$7,025</u>	<u>\$7,571</u>	<u>\$8,118</u>	\$3.70	\$3.95	\$4.20
	<u>\$1,573</u>	<u>\$2,126</u>	<u>\$2,680</u>	<u>\$3,235</u>	<u>\$3,788</u>	<u>\$4,342</u>	<u>\$4,897</u>	<u>\$5,450</u>	<u>\$6,004</u>	<u>\$6,559</u>	<u>\$7,112</u>	<u>\$7,666</u>	<u>\$8,221</u>			
Q	<u>\$1,602</u>	<u>\$2,163</u>	<u>\$2,725</u>	<u>\$3,288</u>	<u>\$3,849</u>	<u>\$4,411</u>	<u>\$4,974</u>	<u>\$5,535</u>	<u>\$6,097</u>	<u>\$6,660</u>	<u>\$7,221</u>	<u>\$7,783</u>	<u>\$8,346</u>	\$3.95	\$4.20	\$4.45
	<u>\$1,617</u>	<u>\$2,186</u>	<u>\$2,755</u>	<u>\$3,325</u>	<u>\$3,894</u>	<u>\$4,463</u>	<u>\$5,034</u>	<u>\$5,603</u>	<u>\$6,172</u>	<u>\$6,743</u>	<u>\$7,312</u>	<u>\$7,881</u>	<u>\$8,451</u>			

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13+	1	2	3 or more
A	R	\$1,645 <u>\$1,661</u>	\$2,222 <u>\$2,245</u>	\$2,799 <u>\$2,830</u>	\$3,377 <u>\$3,416</u>	\$3,954 <u>\$4,000</u>	\$4,531 <u>\$4,585</u>	\$5,109 <u>\$5,171</u>	\$5,686 <u>\$5,756</u>	\$6,263 <u>\$6,340</u>	\$6,841 <u>\$6,926</u>	\$7,418 <u>\$7,511</u>	\$7,995 <u>\$8,095</u>	\$8,573 <u>\$8,681</u>	\$4.20	\$4.45	\$4.70
	S	\$1,691 <u>\$1,707</u>	\$2,284 <u>\$2,308</u>	\$2,877 <u>\$2,909</u>	\$3,472 <u>\$3,512</u>	\$4,065 <u>\$4,112</u>	\$4,658 <u>\$4,713</u>	\$5,252 <u>\$5,316</u>	\$5,845 <u>\$5,917</u>	\$6,438 <u>\$6,518</u>	\$7,033 <u>\$7,120</u>	\$7,626 <u>\$7,721</u>	\$8,219 <u>\$8,322</u>	\$8,813 <u>\$8,924</u>	\$4.45	\$4.70	\$4.95
	T	\$1,737 <u>\$1,754</u>	\$2,347 <u>\$2,371</u>	\$2,956 <u>\$2,988</u>	\$3,566 <u>\$3,607</u>	\$4,175 <u>\$4,224</u>	\$4,785 <u>\$4,842</u>	\$5,395 <u>\$5,461</u>	\$6,004 <u>\$6,078</u>	\$6,613 <u>\$6,695</u>	\$7,224 <u>\$7,314</u>	\$7,833 <u>\$7,931</u>	\$8,442 <u>\$8,549</u>	\$9,053 <u>\$9,167</u>	\$4.70	\$4.95	\$5.20
	U	\$1,786 <u>\$1,803</u>	\$2,412 <u>\$2,437</u>	\$3,038 <u>\$3,072</u>	\$3,666 <u>\$3,708</u>	\$4,292 <u>\$4,343</u>	\$4,919 <u>\$4,977</u>	\$5,546 <u>\$5,614</u>	\$6,173 <u>\$6,248</u>	\$6,799 <u>\$6,883</u>	\$7,426 <u>\$7,519</u>	\$8,053 <u>\$8,153</u>	\$8,679 <u>\$8,788</u>	\$9,307 <u>\$9,424</u>	\$4.95	\$5.20	\$5.45
	V	\$1,835 <u>\$1,852</u>	\$2,478 <u>\$2,504</u>	\$3,121 <u>\$3,156</u>	\$3,766 <u>\$3,809</u>	\$4,409 <u>\$4,461</u>	\$5,053 <u>\$5,113</u>	\$5,697 <u>\$5,766</u>	\$6,341 <u>\$6,418</u>	\$6,984 <u>\$7,070</u>	\$7,629 <u>\$7,724</u>	\$8,272 <u>\$8,375</u>	\$8,915 <u>\$9,027</u>	\$9,560 <u>\$9,681</u>	\$5.20	\$5.45	\$5.70
	W	\$1,886 <u>\$1,904</u>	\$2,547 <u>\$2,574</u>	\$3,209 <u>\$3,244</u>	\$3,872 <u>\$3,916</u>	\$4,533 <u>\$4,586</u>	\$5,194 <u>\$5,256</u>	\$5,857 <u>\$5,928</u>	\$6,518 <u>\$6,598</u>	\$7,179 <u>\$7,268</u>	\$7,842 <u>\$7,940</u>	\$8,504 <u>\$8,610</u>	\$9,165 <u>\$9,280</u>	\$9,828 <u>\$9,952</u>	\$5.45	\$5.70	\$5.95
	X	\$1,938 <u>\$1,956</u>	\$2,617 <u>\$2,644</u>	\$3,296 <u>\$3,332</u>	\$3,977 <u>\$4,023</u>	\$4,656 <u>\$4,711</u>	\$5,335 <u>\$5,399</u>	\$6,016 <u>\$6,089</u>	\$6,696 <u>\$6,778</u>	\$7,375 <u>\$7,466</u>	\$8,056 <u>\$8,156</u>	\$8,735 <u>\$8,844</u>	\$9,414 <u>\$9,533</u>	\$10,095 <u>\$10,223</u>	\$5.70	\$5.95	\$6.20
	Y	\$1,992 <u>\$2,010</u>	\$2,690 <u>\$2,718</u>	\$3,388 <u>\$3,426</u>	\$4,088 <u>\$4,135</u>	\$4,787 <u>\$4,843</u>	\$5,485 <u>\$5,550</u>	\$6,185 <u>\$6,260</u>	\$6,883 <u>\$6,967</u>	\$7,581 <u>\$7,675</u>	\$8,282 <u>\$8,385</u>	\$8,980 <u>\$9,092</u>	\$9,678 <u>\$9,800</u>	\$10,378 <u>\$10,509</u>	\$5.95	\$6.20	\$6.45
	Z	\$2,046 <u>\$2,065</u>	\$2,763 <u>\$2,792</u>	\$3,481 <u>\$3,519</u>	\$4,200 <u>\$4,248</u>	\$4,917 <u>\$4,975</u>	\$5,634 <u>\$5,702</u>	\$6,353 <u>\$6,430</u>	\$7,071 <u>\$7,157</u>	\$7,788 <u>\$7,884</u>	\$8,507 <u>\$8,613</u>	\$9,224 <u>\$9,340</u>	\$9,942 <u>\$10,067</u>	\$10,661 <u>\$10,795</u>	\$6.20	\$6.45	\$6.70
	AA	\$2,103 <u>\$2,123</u>	\$2,841 <u>\$2,870</u>	\$3,578 <u>\$3,618</u>	\$4,317 <u>\$4,367</u>	\$5,055 <u>\$5,114</u>	\$5,792 <u>\$5,861</u>	\$6,531 <u>\$6,610</u>	\$7,269 <u>\$7,358</u>	\$8,006 <u>\$8,105</u>	\$8,745 <u>\$8,854</u>	\$9,483 <u>\$9,601</u>	\$10,220 <u>\$10,348</u>	\$10,959 <u>\$11,098</u>	\$6.45	\$6.70	\$6.95
	BB	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000 <u>\$9,500</u>	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$10,500	\$11,500	\$6.70	\$6.95	\$7.20

- (2) To use the chart:
1. Find the family size used in determining income eligibility for service.
 2. Move across the monthly income table to the column headed by that number.
 3. Move down the column for the applicable family size to the highest figure that is equal to or less than the family's gross monthly income. Income at or above that amount (but less than the amount in the next row) corresponds to the fees in the last three columns of that row.
 4. Choose the fee that corresponds to the number of children in the family who receive child care assistance.